

FIERCE BATTLE 28 TONOPAHNS

OF WAR GO DOWN

IS NOW WAGING TO THEIR FATE

IF VERDUN FALLS, THEN

FALL ENTENTE POWERS

Regiment After Regiment Hurls

Itself on to Red Death

or Victory

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, FEB. 26.—THE TREMENDOUS GERMAN DRIVE FOR VERDUN IS CONTINUING. BERLIN CLAIMS THE BREAKING OF THE CORDON OF PROTECTING FORTS BY THE CAPTURE OF FORT DOUAUMONT FOUR MILES NORTHEAST OF VERDUN. THIS LOSS IS NOT ADMITTED BY PARIS, WHICH CLAIMS THAT, DESPITE THE GERMAN ASSAULTS, THE FRENCH HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR POSITIONS.

ALONG THE VERDUN FRONT THE GERMANS ARE HURLING THEIR MEN AGAINST THE LINES WITHOUT REGARD TO SACRIFICES. PARIS DECLARES THAT THE FRENCH ESTIMATE OF GERMAN LOSSES DURING THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF BATTLE BEFORE VERDUN IS 150,000.

THE CAPTURE OF DOUAUMONT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT SINCE THE INAUGURATION OF THE GERMAN DRIVE AT VERDUN. AN ONSLAUGHT WHICH, FOR FURY AND WEIGHT OF MEN AND GUNS, HAS FEW PRECEDENTS IN WAR.

THE FRENCH WAR OFFICE HAS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT VERDUN WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT. IT IS THE STRONGEST FORTRESS IN FRANCE AND OFFERS DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH PARIS, 150 MILES TO THE WEST.

VERDUN MENACED IN THREE DIRECTIONS

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—The resistance of the French is broken down on the Woivre plain along the entire front to Marphoville, south of the road from Paris to Metz. "We are pursuing the retreating enemy," says an official statement. The French attacked the Germans south of St. Maria. The French penetrated the first German trenches about two hundred and fifty yards. The German offensive is gaining and Verdun is menaced from the east and southeast, also from the north and northeast. The Germans have captured the hills southwest of Village Louvemont, and the fortified positions to the east thereof.

LANSING AND BERNSTOFF WILL CONFER

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—With apparent quieting of the situation in congress, the submarine crisis is back to negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count Von Bernstorff. The situation in congress was held in check by administration leaders. The United States, according to Lansing, may discuss the question as to what properly may be regarded as an armament on a merchant ship if the question is raised. Berlin advises forecast a proposal for such discussion by the Germans, which contends that the armament pointed out under the international law as defensive had become offensive since the advent of the submarine.

WORKING CLASSES OF LONDON PROSPERING

FRANCE WILL PRESS FARMING RESOURCES

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—"In my forty years experience, I have never known a time when there was so much money about among the working classes," is the testimony of a pawnbroker doing business in a district of London where a large amount of army materials are manufactured. His testimony is supported by the jewelers, merchants and variety and moving picture theaters in the neighborhood. They all say the workers were never so prosperous, or spent their money so freely—except that they don't call on pawnbrokers as they used to.

In this district there are 6,000 women and girls employed in munition work, and they are the free spenders. Most of them are the wives of soldiers and receive separation allowances from the government, which increases their incomes.

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TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah.

U. S. Weather Bureau

1916 1915

5 a. m. 36 29

9 a. m. 36 30

12 noon 46 34

2 p. m. 44 38

Relative humidity at 2 p. m. today, 71 per cent.

PORTUGAL MAY NOT RENEW GERMAN PACT

(By Associated Press.)

LISBON, Feb. 26.—Alfonso Costa, the Portuguese premier, said in the chamber of deputies that attempts had been made to damage seven Teutonic ships that were requisitioned by the government. He asserted that he considered it in the best interests of Portugal that the existing treaty with Germany be allowed to lapse. "We are prepared for all eventualities that may arise from our exercising our rights,"

CALIFORNIA REPUBLICANS TO BE UNITED

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—A group of Republicans from all parts of California met three hours before the executive committee of the Republican state central committee and agreed to select and support a list of delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago. It was announced that the purpose of the gathering was "to bring together all the former elements of the Republican party, and thus insure Republican victory in the approaching presidential election." A further object was "to preserve in California the social and political advance that has been made in this state in the past five years, thus to maintain the Republican party in California as a party of progress and not of reaction." The candidates, if elected, should go to Chicago unpledged, but directed to vote for the nomination of "some forward looking candidate on whom both the Republicans and Progressives can unite."

JAPANESE OPPOSED TO BRITISH ALLIANCE

BAKERSFIELD "WETS" WIN THE ELECTION

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—The great subject of discussion in Tokio today is the recent outburst in a section of the Japanese press against the Anglo-Japanese alliance. So violent has been the campaign of attack that another part of the press has risen to the defense of the alliance and the correspondent of the London Times for the far east in an article made a detailed answer to the Japanese criticisms. The tenor of this article caused as much sensation as the original Japanese outburst.

(By Associated Press.)

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 26.—The returns of the election held at Bakersfield yesterday show a sweeping victory for the saloons. There were three propositions put up by the "drys" and all were defeated. The vote was overwhelming against the new ordinances.

The three propositions that failed to carry were: Closing of saloons on Sunday, closing at 10 o'clock at night and closing of all retail saloons. The wholesale houses were not affected.

KAISER VIEWED HIS FORCES PROGRESSING

DOUAUMONT ATTACK PROVES A FAILURE

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—An official statement says the German advance east of the Meuse in the region of Verdun was in the presence of the kaiser.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 26.—German attacks in the region of Douaumont, east of the Meuse, have failed, the war office said, notwithstanding repeated attacks and tremendous slaughter.

DURAZZO EVACUATED BY ITALIAN TROOPS

COMMITTEE VOTES FOR BIG REGULAR ARMY

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Feb. 26.—The report that Durazzo, an Albanian port, on the Adriatic, has been evacuated by Italian troops, is confirmed. This is the result of the defeat of the Italians and Albanians by the Austrians and Germans.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The house military committee voted for a regular army of 137,000 with a two per cent allowance for recruiting, bringing the number up to 140,000, more than the war department asked.

CHILDREN WELL CARED FOR

INHABITANTS MUST MOVE

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—"Never during my thirty years' experience as a school teacher have the children of the elementary schools, especially those of the poorer districts, been so well clothed and shod or appeared so tidy and well nourished as since the beginning of the war." This was the remark made by one of London's veteran school mistresses in reply to the reported evil effects of the substantial separation allowances made to the wives of soldiers of the British army.

(By Associated Press.)

PANAMA, Feb. 26.—The ancient village of Chagres, at the mouth of the river of the same name, will soon be depopulated and the district converted into an American military reservation and fortification as part of the canal defenses. The inhabitants have received notice that they will have to remove to the east bank and near the mouth of the Lagarto river, about eight miles beyond the mouth of the Chagres.

ALLIANCE IS PLANNED

LAWYER ARRESTED FOR BOOTLEGGING

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—It is believed the way has been cleared for an actual alliance between Russia and Japan as a result of the visit here of the Grand Duke George Michaelovitch, cousin of the Czar. It is likely that the newspapers have exaggerated the number of things that are expected to flow from the event, but there are indications that at least a practical understanding will be reached at the conclusion of the war concerning Asiatic Russia and the far east.

(By Associated Press.)

H. Pilkington, an attorney well-known in this section of Nevada was arrested yesterday at Yerington for selling liquor to the Indians and it is expected that some time today Deputy Marshall William Knight will arrive in Reno with him and place him in the Washoe county jail. The evidence against him is said to be complete, and there is hardly any chance that he will escape paying the penalty for his offense.

A few years ago Pilkington was said to be one of the most promising young lawyers in Nevada and was regarded as a "comer," but family trouble, followed by the liquor habit, brought him to his present level.

DRAGON FOSSIL FOUND

TEMPERATURE REPORT

(By Associated Press.)

PEKING, Feb. 26.—Superstitious Chinese have recently been greatly excited by rumors which are spreading throughout the Republic concerning the discovery of the fossil of a dragon five hundred feet long in a prehistoric cave at Ichang in Sze-chuen province.

Highest temperature yesterday, 52; a year ago, 42.

Lowest temperature last night, 36; a year ago, 31.

SONS OF BALKANS DIE TO AID THEIR COUNTRY

One of the Survivors Returns to

Bring Sad News of Fate of

Countrymen

DEFERRED NEWS OF AN APPALLING DISASTER REACHED TONOPAH THIS MORNING WHEN ANDY KISSIN ARRIVED FROM THE ARENA OF WAR AND BROUGHT TIDINGS OF THE DEATH OF TWENTY-EIGHT TONOPAH MEN. THEY WENT DOWN AT SEA WHILE THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO FIGHT FOR THEIR BELOVED NATIVE LAND, MONTENEGRO.

IT CAME AS THEIR GOOD SHIP, THE BRINDISI, WAS PLOUGHING STEADILY ACROSS THE PEACEFUL ADRIATIC, WITHIN SIGHT OF LAND. THE VOYAGERS, 58 OF WHOM WERE FROM THIS CITY, WERE GATHERED ON THE DECK WITH THEIR LUGGAGE, EXPECTING TO LAND AND CHANGE FROM CIVILIAN GARMENTS TO THE UNIFORM OF THEIR KING. THERE WAS GAY BANTERING, THERE WERE PATRIOTIC CHEERS, THERE WAS THE EXULTATION OF APPROACHING VICTORY, AND THEN CAME THE GREAT SHOCK OF AN EXPLODING MINE.

NO TIME WAS GIVEN TO LAUNCH LIFEBOATS, NONE TO BID FAREWELL, BUT THE PEACEFUL ADRIATIC ENGULFED THEM AND THE WATERS RIPPLED OVER THE TOMB OF 145 BRAVE YOUNG MEN.

THE LIST OF DEAD

M. Nichunovich	G. Susich
G. Bojevich	M. Lunsevich
S. Markovich	S. Gollebovich
V. Radunovich	W. Stravich
S. Radunovich	A. Stravich
M. Kulich	G. Rajkovich
U. Mitrovich	M. Roganovich
R. Kalagurdovich	W. Nickceovich
S. Andrich	Mike Nickceovich
G. Boskovich	M. Kapar
S. Banovich	L. Mitich
A. Plamanez	M. Pakirodo
G. Bisevich	D. Koprivico
	And two others

When the three score Balkan patriots left Tonopah on the morning of September 18, there were hundreds of their countrymen to bid them God speed. After the custom of their country, they kissed each other on either cheek. They shed tears of sadness and of patriotism, in their full hearted manner and there were loud cheers, waving of hats and cries of "Zbogum," the Montenegrin word of farewell.

Women were there and children, bonded by the ties of blood and matrimony. They felt that they were probably parting forever from their loved ones, but if such was to be the case they hoped that it would come through heroic struggles on the field of battle, instead of going down to death against an insidious and unknown foe, as was the fate of the volunteers of the Brindisi.

It all happened on the morning of January 6, at 8 o'clock. The Brindisi was approaching the port of Medova in Albania. Here was to be the place of enlistment. The mine was struck. Within fifteen minutes the boat had gone down by the bow. An attempt was made to launch the lifeboats, but the vessel careened and veered in its dying struggles, so that the effort was fruitless. Andy Kissin, who returned this morning says:

"I waited until the boat was level with the water. I had stripped myself of all my clothing, having on only my ring and a money purse suspended by a chain around my neck.

"What made me sadder of all was when I came up out of the vortex caused by the sinking of the ship, my cousin, L. Pantovich, caught me by the leg. He could not swim and I could not swim very well, and I saw that we both would be drowned. I begged him to let go and the brave fellow did. He went down, but my life was saved. I wish now that we had gone down together, but it was a case of one of us or none.

"It seemed an eternity before we were rescued, the few of us that escaped, for of the 286 people on the ship only 141, less than half, were saved. I floated on the water and looked up and saw the aeroplanes of the enemy, the German Taubes. Then lifeboats came out from the shore and from the men-of-war that were our escort. I was on the water two hours and forty minutes and others were longer. Many, who could have been saved, became exhausted and sank.

"When we were taken to shore the good nurses of the Serbian and Montenegrin Red Cross societies gave us clothing and food and we soon were all right, but then came the news that Cetinje had fallen and there no longer was any Montenegro. We were subjects without a king. I came home, but the others enlisted with the Italians and will battle for the allies, but my experience was enough. All I wanted was to get back to Tonopah, to the land of the free, where there is peace and where the awful cruelties from which Europe is suffering are unknown."

LAW WILL BENEFIT A MILLION WORKERS

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—Social reformers are expressing satisfaction over the putting into operation of a new law by which something like a million Japanese factory workers will be benefited.

The new law applies to some 11,000 factories employing ordinarily not fewer than 15 operatives or those engaged in dangerous or injurious work. The main features of the bill are child labor in any heavy work; the prohibition of employment of male workers under 15 years and females of any age for more than 12 hours in a single day and the prohibition of the employment of male operatives under 15 and all females between the hours of 10 p. m. and 4 a. m. except in exceptional cases when speedy execution of a contract on hand is required.

FOUR SAVED, ONE LOST

Mike Plamenaz of this city had five relatives aboard the ill-fated Brindisi, on which 28 Tonopah people lost their lives. Of the five four were saved and one went down with the ship.

A GENTLE SHOWER

The precipitation in the rain that fell early this morning is reported by the United States observer as .03 of an inch.

BUTLER THEATRE

BETTER PICTURES

TONIGHT

A DOUBLE BILL

CHARLES CHAPLIN

—In—

"DOUGH AND DYNAMITE"

(Two Reels)

ROBERT EDSON

—In—

"THE CAVEMAN"

A Blue Ribbon Feature in Five Interesting Reels

TOMORROW

LENORE ULRICH

(Star of "The Bird of Paradise")

—In—

"KILMENVY"

An Artistic Romance of a Child of Nature